



United States Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

Grant Programs

The Office on Violence Against Women administers 12 grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and subsequent legislation. These grant programs are designed to develop the nation's capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable for their actions.

Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities and to provide direct services to such individuals. Eligible applicants are states; units of local government; Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations; and non-profit, nongovernmental victim services organizations.

Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against victims who are 50 years of age or older through training and services. Eligible applicants include states and territories; Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations; units of local government; and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to encourage state, local, and tribal governments, and state, local, and tribal courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. Eligible applicants are states and territories; units of local government; Indian tribal governments; and state, local, tribal, and territorial courts.

Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. Eligible applicants are recognized Indian tribal governments or their authorized designees.

Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to strengthen the higher education community's response to sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence crimes on campuses and to enhance collaboration among campuses, local law enforcement, and victim advocacy organizations. Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education.

Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program

This program provides grants to each state domestic violence coalition (as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services) and sexual assault coalition (as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for the purposes of coordinating state victim services activities and collaborating and coordinating with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities.

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit entities, territorial organizations, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity, such as law schools. Three

percent of the funding for this program is set aside for grants to programs that assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on lands within the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed to enhance services available for child, youth, and adult victims in rural communities by encouraging community involvement in developing a coordinated response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Eligible applicants are states and territories; Indian tribes; local governments; and nonprofit, public or private entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations, proposing to serve rural areas or rural communities. Not less than 75 percent of the total funding available for the program is for eligible entities located in rural states. Depending on the size of appropriations, 25–40 percent is set aside for services that meaningfully address sexual assault. For more information, including the definitions of “rural area” and “rural state,” please see www.usdoj.gov/ovw.

Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program

This discretionary grant program helps create safe places for visitation with and exchange of children in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments.

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

These formula grants are awarded to states and territories to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system’s response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. Each state and territory must allocate 25 percent of the grant funds for law enforcement, 25 percent for prosecution, 5 percent for courts, and 30 percent for victim services.

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program

This discretionary grant program provides transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services for individuals who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of fleeing a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and other organizations that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program

This discretionary grant program is designed for increasing awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women, enhancing the response to such violence at the tribal, federal, and state levels, and providing technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities. Eligible applicants are established nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions addressing domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women and individuals or organizations that propose to incorporate as nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions.

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